

I think if we all would try to help one another in a legal and practical way we could do away with red tape charitable organizations. I hope Mrs. Meder will study the question a good deal more and think twice before she says that workers want charity and not work.

It is only the degenerate kind, the tramps, that ask charity. The average worker has too much pride about him than to ask for charity with a lot of impotent red tape behind it. Let us live and act together as human beings should. — George Rogers, 24 S. Sangamon st.

A POINTER FOR TENANTS.—I would like to encourage a few able writers to donate a few lines on the subject of the cheap and insulting renting agent and owner; also the open shops that do cheap real estate decorating. The United States is a union and they teach cleanliness. They employ union people on their construction work. Their courts grant the union scale wages. Then to be a good citizen one should harmonize with the principles practiced by the government. All tenants should demand the price of one month's rent each year in new decorating. The best way to avoid the insults of agents or a miserly owner is to have the lease read granting you the privilege of having your own decorator, etc. Then the cheap open shop will soon be a thing of the past. Don't be afraid to be firm in your demands, as rents are being reduced and rather than have you move and take chances of losing a month's rent, and besides having to redecorate, they will clean up decently for you.—A Union Decorator.

LETTER TO CITY WORKERS.—I The Day Book to address the attach-would like through the open forum of ed letter to the men employed as constructive and skilled laborers by the city of Chicago:

Mayor Harrison has for many

years past advocated that city work be done by day labor, as a result of which six thousand men are now employed by the city of Chicago doing work that would otherwise be performed under the contract system.

There isn't the slightest doubt that Mayor Harrison's position is the correct one. In the first place the men employed by the city receive the highest wages for the class of work they perform; and in the next place, the taxpayers of Chicago get value received for the money thus expended. There is now no such thing as contractors' profits; there is no such thing as skimping the work and using inferior material and inferior labor, nor fat extras to be paid later.

Should Mayor Harrison be defeated there is not a doubt that city work by day labor would be abolished. Does this concern you? Of course it does. As a citizen and employee of Chicago; as one interested in your own welfare; as one who believes that the best is none too good for Chicago, we ask you to bear these important facts in mind when you go to the polls to cast your vote on Primary Day. Mayor Harrison has taken an advanced step towards protecting the citizens and taxpayers of Chicago against the greed and avarice of selfish contractors.—Luke F. Cunniff, 1132 Albion av.

A BREAD LINE.—During the last several weeks I have not visited any restaurant within the confines of the loop without being accosted by a line of shabby-dressed and hungry-looking people who plead in piteous tones for a small donation with which to buy a cup of coffee and rolls, a bowl of soup or something to eat to allay the pains of hunger. This is a fair sample of the experience of the average citizen, morning, noon and night.

The Knickerbocker hotel in New York city has what it calls a bread line for the poor, unfortunate hungry people and serves them with hot